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New Brockton Council votes to turn high-traffic intersection into a two-way stop

by Linda Hodge, Editor

The New Brockton Town Council met Monday evening, April 5, for the regular monthly meeting, and council members discussed several matters during the nearly hour-long session.

The council approved a new traffic change for one intersection in the town. The intersection of Tyler Street and Vester Cole Street soon will become a two-way stop.

While discussing a need brought up by council member Ralph Medley to fill a pothole in the area of the intersection, Mayor Kathy Holley started the discussion by saying she had wanted to make that intersection a four-way stop due to the high traffic volume there with school traffic, etc.

Council member Justin Flowers said he thought this intersection already was a two-way stop, but the mayor said there was no stop sign at all where the two roads intersect. Flowers wondered if it would be appropriate to start with a two-way stop first to see if that improves the safety of the intersection rather than jumping straight to a four-way stop.

Holley said it was her opinion that there should be



a stop sign for traffic going across Tyler Street to slow the traffic down some.

Medley added, "Either way [two or four] it needs a stop sign there."

A motion to make the intersection a two-way stop was unanimously approved by the council. The mayor said once the stop signs were ordered and arrived, they would be erected to make this a two-way stop intersection.

In providing his monthly report to the council, Police Chief Dale Grimes noted it had been a very busy March for the police department.

The mayor said the senior center had used some discretionary funds to purchase a three-compartment sink.

She said the addition of this sink would bring the senior center into compliance with health department standards.

Regarding the street department, council member Ronald Terry asked if the department was going to continue cutting grass on the banks/slopes of the walking trail. He said this had not been done in some time and the growth had become noticeable.

Mayor Holley said the area had been sprayed for weeds to help.

Council member Todd Askins agreed with Terry that the area looks better when cut with a mower but even using a bush hog on it would be better than letting it go and allowing the growth to overtake the area.

Holley said she would make a note to have the street department look at this.

New Brockton resident questions council on how to go about getting more lighting along U.S. Hwy 84

During the New Brockton Town Council meeting held Monday night, April 5, resident Allison Pouncey addressed the council saying she would like to know how to go about getting more lighting along U.S. Highway 84 in New Brockton.

"I don't know if this is a city thing, county thing or state thing – I don't know what it is," Pouncey said.

She said with as much traffic as the town is getting and with the options of more cost-effective LED lights, she felt it would be beneficial to New Brockton for more lighting to be along Hwy. 84.

Mayor Kathy Holley addressed Pouncey's concern noting it would be up to the Alabama Department of Transportation for more lighting to be added to the right-of-way of that highway. She said it was completely out of the town's control, if on the right-of-way.

Holley said the state did not ask New Brockton if it wanted lights along the highway when it was working on that portion of the U.S. Highway 84 four-lane project.

The mayor said she would

be happy to check with Alabama Power to see what options they might have for additional lighting and the costs of it, but she said this would have to be done off the right-of-way because she said the state would not allow Alabama Power to come near the right-of-way of the road.

Holley said she did get the state to agree to put up a light at the Dollar General intersection; however, she said the tow is responsible for running the line. She said she cannot get any company to agree to do that.

"I will be happy to do whatever I need to do to appeal to our state representatives or Alabama Power," Pouncey said. "It just seems weird because if we are wanting people to stop in our town and come into our town...there [currently] is no indicator there is a town here. We've got to light it up – let people know we are here."

The mayor thanked Pouncey for her comments, and she said she would check with Alabama Power on what options the town might have [off the right-of-way] and the costs for it.



This National Donate Life Month decorative scene was created by the employees of the Coffee County Probate Office in Elba. This photo has been entered into a contest being held by Legacy of Hope to help bring awareness to registering to be an organ, eye, and tissue donor. The Coffee County Probate office encourages all citizens to visit the Legacy of Hope Alabama facebook page and "like" this photo between now and April 29th to help the design be the number one pick for the contest. Directions on how to vote are included in the article below.

In support of National Donate Life Month

Coffee County Probate Office [Elba] asks for votes in Legacy of Hope decorating contest

When it comes to probate offices across the State of Alabama, the month of April means National Donate Life Month, and this year, the Coffee County Probate Office [Elba Division] is joining others across the state to bring more awareness to this cause.

Probate Offices across the state are partnering with Legacy of Hope and participating in a decorating contest being held this month. The employees of the Coffee County Probate Office [Elba Division] hope their design will be the number one pick!

National Donate Life Month, observed each April, helps to encourage Americans to register as an organ, eye, and tissue donor, and it further honors those who have saved lives through the gift of donation.

Voting for the best Donate Life Month Decorating Contest, hosted by Legacy of Hope, began Wednesday, April 7, and continues through Thursday, April 29. The employees of the Elba office for Coffee County Probate ask citizens to support their efforts by visiting the Legacy of Hope Alabama official Facebook page and cast a vote for the Coffee County Probate Office design.

To vote:

1. Go to the Legacy of Hope Alabama

facebook page (facebook.com/legacyofhopeAL)

2. View the Posts

3. Find and "Like" the Coffee County Probate Office [Elba Division] photograph – as shown with this article

Then, help spread the word by sharing the post, but remind everyone that only votes cast on the official Legacy of Hope Alabama page will count towards the contest numbers.

Area Happenings

THE EVERGREEN CEMETERY COMMITTEE will meet Thursday, April 8, at 6 p.m., at Elba City Hall, 200 Buford Street, Elba.

THE ELBA DOWNTOWN WALKING TOUR will be Saturday, April 10, at 10 a.m. This is conducted by the Elba Chamber of Commerce in conjunction with the Alabama Department of Tourism. Tour begins at the Elba Chamber office, 329 Putnam Street.



Elba High golf team wins Charles Henderson Invitational
The Elba High School Golf Team brought home the championship trophy Monday, April 5, from the Charles Henderson Invitational held at the Troy Country Club. Coach Mark Wicker said there were 10 teams present for the event, and the Elba golfers shot a 311 combined total to win the event, beating the second-place team Rehobeth by 10 strokes. Additionally, Elba's Peyton McCart won third low medalist for the tourney. Team members include (from left) Carson Wise, Peyton McCart, Paxton Wise, John Martin Wilson, and Collin Sauls.

**COVID-19
COMMUNITY
DRIVE THRU
VACCINATION CLINIC
ELBA, ALABAMA**

REMINDER: To those who received the initial dose of the COVID-19 vaccine at the Community Drive-Thru Vaccination Clinic held Saturday, March 20, in Elba, Ala! The 2nd Dose Clinic will be held this Saturday, April 10, from 7 a.m. until 11 a.m. in the parking lot of Elba Church of Christ, 715 Troy Highway, Elba. This clinic is sponsored by the City in conjunction with Troy Regional Medical Center.

EDITORIAL

BRAINSTORMS

With Ferrin Cox

"The most wasted of all days is one without laughter." – E. E. Cummings

Drivers ignoring STOP signs at the Cook Chevrolet intersection . . . Here is the picture (in words) three cars, coming toward town on Claxton Avenue, recently completely ignored the red flags, stop signs and red flasher. Thanks goodness the car in front of us was wisely waiting to turn into Burger King and there was no accident – this time. Thank goodness this was a thinking driver who was prepared for the unexpected or there would have been a multi-car wreck right there in plain sight of the world. One person, it could be blamed on habit, but three! That was just folks too busy – or maybe they thought they were too important – to follow the rules and stop at the all-stop intersection.

Elba has a number of changed traffic patterns coupled with the four-lane work on U. S. Highway 84 and Bypass 203. Already police have investigated accidents involving both locals and folks just passing through enroute to the beach or somewhere. That brings out the advice for each of us to be alert, obey the changing traffic pattern rules, and assume that other driver will not stop. A few seconds of waiting to 'be sure' is faster than waiting for a police report to be completed and the tow truck (and maybe the rescue squad) to show up.

Due to the COVID-19 variants medical experts are encouraging all of us to continue being cautious, wearing our mask when in close contact with others, washing our hands, etc. Of course the chance of catching or spreading the virus is slim when we have had the shots, but it is still possible. Let's not be in that small percentage of folks who still get sick with even a mild case of COVID.

Two different advisories on same day. One cautions NOT to travel, even if already taken all COVID shots. Followed up about a couple of hours later from a different website advising it was OK for these same people to travel (at a low risk to themselves) if they wear masks, social distance and wash their hands! Both messages were quoting the Centers for Disease Control (C.D.C.). We finally sorted the confusion but it was mind boggling for a few minutes. The original was a quote from a couple of days earlier and the relaxed advisory was brand new (and is the existing one at this writing on Monday).

The really good news about the COVID-19 disaster is that the U. S. is on a roll with the number of daily virus shots. The daily count average during the past five days (thru Sunday) is three (3) million folks getting one of the shots every day! That is an impressive number of folks getting a needle stuck in their arm, and this leads to a corresponding drastic drop in the number of deaths from COVID-19.

Recently when admiring a big fish on the cover of a Bassmaster magazine our heart skipped a beat at the name of the featured fisherman 'Drew Benton' catching the monster. Don't know him personally but do know both his mother and grandmother. His grandmother, a longtime friend, finished high school with yours truly, and the mother has come to our class reunions with her parents on several occasions. They are all loyal supporters of Drew, often showing up on the last day of a pro fishing tournament to cheer for him and his often success. At our annual reunions, wife Heddy would usually end up in a corner somewhere with the two females as they tried to 'outshine' each other about their GREAT children and grandchildren. That was even after Heddy learned that grandma had been my date for our high school senior prom (65 years ago!) Oh, this family is a branch of Elba Mayor Tom Maddox's family tree but we don't expect Tom will be competing with Drew in the bass fishing world anytime soon.

LBWCC Ensemble performs concert on square in Elba

With four of its members hailing from Elba, Alabama, the LBW Community College Ensemble came to town last Thursday evening, April 1, and performed an hour-long concert on the square – the Coffee County Courthouse made for a beautiful backdrop as the entertainers performed.

Also, the dusk-time performance allowed for the decorative lighting around the square to add to the allure of the 'under the lights' show!

The Ensemble members performed several different musical selections for the crowd that gathered, despite cooler than normal temperatures. The group's directors thanked the City of Elba for allowing them to perform the concert.

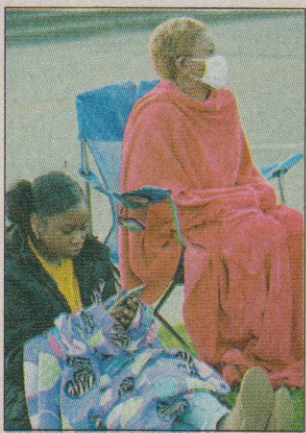
Elba Mayor Tom Maddox invited the Ensemble to make the performance an annual event in Elba, and he said maybe next time the weather would accommodate with warmer temps. Despite the chilly evening, all in attendance seemed to thoroughly enjoy the concert.

The four Ensemble members from Elba are: Maggie Hammonds, Freida Hooks, Kendra Kyles, and Grace Cline.



Above: The historic Coffee County Courthouse in Elba was a beautiful backdrop for the Ensemble's performance in Elba.

Right: Elba's Maggie Hammonds performs lead on a song during the show. **Below:** Those attending the LBW Ensemble concert did not let the cold weather keep them from enjoying the concert. They just bundled up and relaxed.



Editor's Note: Cuzin Lou Lou's tales are to be enjoyed as a light-hearted form of Southern expression

Cuzin Lou Lou came to terms with the fact she honestly gets her stubbornness from Papa!

The two were outside one evening earlier this week working on a little project, and Lou Lou noticed that Papa was getting a little careless with his knife. However, she did not dare say a word, knowing fully that Papa would not take well to that observation.

Well...that carelessness quickly showed up when Papa cut his finger. He got it good too!

Sister had gone to town to pick something up at the time said incident happened, which only escalated the situation between Papa and Lou Lou – they are two peas in a pod personality-wise, which can be good and bad at the same time.

Lou Lou quickly jumped into action trying to help Papa. Realizing the cut was very deep, she told Papa they needed to get the bleeding under control and then head to a local ER so he could get stitched up.

Papa, on the other hand, was having none of that talk! He was being stubborn!!

Instead, Papa's solution was to get out the super glue to fix the cut. Lou Lou told him he was insane for even suggesting it.

Knowing Papa does not do well at the sight of blood also was concerning to Lou Lou, so even though she was aggravated with Papa's stubbornness she knew she had to get him seated and calmed before the situation escalated even more.

However, her own personal anxiety was jumping off the roof at Papa not being cooperative.

Lou Lou made a quick call to Sister letting her know what had happened and asked when she would be home because, "Papa was not listening to a word she said!!" Luckily, Sister was almost home! When she arrived, she shot into action and managed to bring both of the hotheads under control again.

Papa did get his way ultimately that evening, but Lou Lou refused to put super glue in that huge cut. They applied enough pressure to get the bleeding stopped and then bandaged the area very well.

Sister made it clear to Papa that he could try it his way, but if the cut reopened and started bleeding again, he would have no argument against going to have the area stitched. He did agree to that compromise.

Good thing Sister knows how to be the mediator for those two hotheads...while she often gives Lou Lou a headache on her own, Lou Lou and Papa would be in a mess on those days when their likeness becomes a 'bad' thing rather than a 'good' thing without Sister there to reign them both in and back to calmer waters.

As of this writing, 'ole stubborn Papa was still nursing his non-stitched cut, but he was also back to working on his projects, so, it was only a matter of time before he hit it again.

Until next time...God Bless and Keep Smiling!



Kendra Kyles, an Elba High School graduate, is a soloist for the LBW Community College Ensemble. She is one of four Elba graduates currently participating as a member of the Ensemble.

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CEC presents virtual annual meeting

On April 1, Covington Electric Cooperative held its first virtual annual meeting and the video was streamed through its website covington.coop.

During the presentation, reports were presented by CEC's Board Chairman Willie Smith and CEC's President and General Manager Ed Short.

Smith opened the meeting by reflecting on changes in our society because of the pandemic and how CEC adapted to those changes. He stated that due to a change in the CEC bylaws at the annual meeting in 2019, the co-op was able to conduct annual meeting business through mail-in and electronic balloting in 2020. In fact, he said the co-op received the most participation in a CEC election and annual report survey ever that year.

Smith stated that the overwhelming response from those surveyed in 2020 indicated that CEC should pursue solar energy projects and also efforts to bring fiber broadband services to the CEC service area.

He went on to discuss capital credits and that CEC retired \$1.7 million in capital credits to its members in 2021. Capital credits were applied to active CEC members' accounts in March. Inactive accounts with a capital credit balance of more than \$30 received a check in the mail and inactive accounts with less than \$30 will continue to accrue until these accounts reach a balance of \$30. Smith expressed hope that CEC will conduct an in-person annual meeting in 2022 and

he thanked the members for their support. He then introduced Ed Short.

Short opened his comments by discussing the safety protocols that CEC implemented to manage its workforce in the midst of a pandemic. Some of these measures included wearing masks, closing the CEC lobbies, social distancing, schedule changes to keep crews separated and allowing some employees to work from home. He discussed other challenges the co-op faced in 2020 including several major weather events.

Short then spoke about the co-op's efforts to build a solar garden and he detailed the need for a minimum of 100 subscribers to make this project a reality. He stated that CEC had received about 64 subscriptions to date and he encouraged members who are interested in supporting a solar garden to contact CEC.

With strong support from the CEC members who participated in last year's survey, Short announced the co-op's decision to launch a fiber broadband project. He said work began in January on the construction of a middle mile fiber ring that will connect all of the CEC substations and offices. He stated the CEC board of trustees is committed to making high-speed fiber broadband access available to every CEC member by 2025, if not sooner. Short then announced the name of CEC's new broadband subsidiary, Buzz Broadband. He said it's projected to start connecting its first cus-

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Elba Police Report

The Elba Police Department, between Tuesday, March 30, 2021, and Monday, April 5, 2021, conducted the following activity:

Tuesday, March 30 – Theft of property reported at 1415 Jones St. (3:55 a.m.); Traffic accident reported on County Rd 368 (7:09 a.m.); Animal complaint reported at 1620 Boswell St (9:07 a.m.); Theft of property reported at 154 Yelverton Ave (9:38 a.m.); Report of shots fired on Larkin Rd (10:42 a.m.); Theft of property reported at 242 Dr Roberts Dr (5:22 p.m.); High speed vehicle pursuit reported on Claxton Ave N (8:42 p.m.). There were five traffic stops recorded on this date resulting in three written warnings, one citation, and one verbal warning.

Wednesday, March 31 – Animal complaint reported at 984 Sunset Blvd (9:36 a.m.); Assault reported at 344 Old Samson Rd (5:50 p.m.); Suspicious person reported at 1631 Claxton Ave N (8:05 p.m.); Burglary reported at 381 Brunson Circle (8:07 p.m.); Suspicious vehicle reported at 20081 Hwy 189 (9:57 p.m.). There were 12 traffic stops recorded on this date resulting in five written warnings, four citations, and three verbal warnings.

Thursday, April 1 – Suspicious circumstances reported at 300 Champ McCollough Dr (4:28 a.m.); Animal complaint reported at 839 Troy Hwy (10:49 a.m.); Criminal mischief reported at 318 Calhoun St (3:05 p.m.); Criminal mischief reported at 703 Plant Ave S (3:44 p.m.); Suspicious vehicle reported at 1620 Boswell St (9:04 p.m.); Special assignment/detail at Taylor Mill Rd and County Rd 368 – resulted in an arrest (10:12 p.m.). There were five traffic stops recorded on this date resulting in verbal warnings.

Friday, April 2 – Suspicious vehicle reported at 1094 County Rd 505 (2:26 a.m.); Burglary reported at 610 N Troy Hwy (5:39 a.m.); Harassment reported on Factory Ave (1:27 p.m.); Harassment reported at 1231 Ann St (5:22 p.m.); ATV com-

plaint reported in area of S Plant and Payne streets (6:03 p.m.); Livestock in the roadway reported in area of Old Samson Rd and County Rd 401 (6:37 p.m.); Burglary reported at 1015 Guyton St (10:07 p.m.); Reckless driver reported on Hwy 84 W (11:02 p.m.). There were eight traffic stops recorded on this date resulting in three citations, three verbal warnings, one written warning, and one detail completed.

Saturday, April 3 – Noise complaint reported at Elba Villas (12:00 a.m.); Theft of property reported at 242 Dr Roberts Dr (5:22 p.m.); High speed vehicle pursuit reported on Claxton Ave N (8:42 p.m.). There were five traffic stops recorded on this date resulting in one arrest, one verbal warning, one citation, and two written warnings.

Sunday, April 4 – Harassment reported at 879 Claxton Ave N (12:44 p.m.); Reckless driver reported on Hwy 125 (3:23 p.m.); Fire reported at 1259 Ann St (6:06 p.m.); Man with a gun reported at 654 Reynolds Ave (8:26 p.m.); Theft of property reported at 1210 Whitman St (8:57 p.m.); Suspicious person reported at 406 Adkinson Ave (10:05 p.m.); An arrest was made at 406 Adkinson Ave following a report of a sick person (10:28 p.m.). There was one traffic stop recorded on this date resulting in a written warning.

Monday, April 5 – Theft of services reported at 19734 Hwy 87 (10:49 a.m.); Animal complaint reported at 883 Troy Hwy (11:57 a.m.); Theft of services reported on Plant Ave (1:46 p.m.); Theft by deception reported to Elba Police (2:03 p.m.); Stolen vehicle reported from 610 N Troy Hwy (3:23 p.m.); Assault reported at 671 Thomas St (5:43 p.m.); Suspicious person reported to Elba Police (9:54 p.m.). There were four traffic stops recorded on this date resulting in two verbal warnings, one citation, and one written warning.

Obituaries

Obits are updated regularly on our website: www.elba-clipper.com

NINA SUE DEWBERRY ALLEN

Mrs. Nina Sue Dewberry Allen, age 83, of Elba, Ala., died Thursday, April 1, 2021.



Graveside funeral services were held Saturday, April 3, 2021, at the Woodland Grove Baptist Church Cemetery, Elba, with Kevin Dewberry officiating and Warren Holloway Ward Funeral Home of Geneva, Ala. directing.

Mrs. Allen was born in Elba on Jan. 02, 1938 to the late James Alexander and Susie Elizabeth Blackmon Dewberry. Her love for her hometown and the people there never wavered even though she had not lived there in years. She often spoke fondly of her memories growing up there. She is best remembered for baking cakes, such as, butternut, red velvet, 13-layer chocolate cake, cream cheese pound cakes, and Mrs. Olive Daniels' fruit cake at Christmas, along with Paul's Café B-B-Q sauce.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband Hillard "Goob" Allen; two brothers, General Dewberry and James Dewberry, and two nephews, Joe Smith and Lee Dewberry.

Survivors include her daughter and son-in-law: Phoebe Miller (Jerry), Coffee Springs, Ala.; four grandchildren: Christina Carswell (Michael), Tuscaloosa, Ala.; Katie Bowers (Will Simmons), Geneva, Celeste Miller, Crestview, Fla. and Jason Miller, Coffee Springs, Ala.; five great-grandchildren: Stephen Miller, Emma Claire Carswell, Amelia Blake Carswell, Lyla Belle Simmons and Sadie Grace Simmons; two sisters: Pansy Smith, Elba, and Judie Edwards (Steve), Georgia; two brothers: Steve Dewberry (Tonda), Jack, Ala., and Tommy Dewberry (Debbie), Elba; along with a host of nieces and nephews.

TULLIS EDWARD JACKSON

Mr. Tullis Edward Jackson, age 78, of Elba, Ala., died Sunday, April 4, 2021, at his home.



Funeral services were held Monday, April 5, 2021, from Zion Chapel Baptist Church with Rev. Kerry Saxon officiating. Burial services followed in the Zion Chapel Baptist Church cemetery under the direction of Hayes Funeral Home of Elba. Contributions may be made to the Zion Chapel Baptist Church Cemetery.

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Bereaved Spouses Month

Losing a loved one is never easy but losing a spouse or life partner can be especially painful. April is Bereaved Spouses Month and in the spirit of the month, here are a few tips for supporting those who have lost a life partner or for those who have recently lost a spouse or life partner.

Do your best to be supportive to a friend or relative who recently lost a spouse: losing someone is always difficult but losing a life partner can be alienating and emotionally crippling at any age. Offer to bring over a meal or to simply offer your time and company. Respect that sometimes after a recent loss, some do not want company. Remember that spending time with someone doesn't always mean spending physical time together: sometimes a phone call or short text message is enough.

Consider taking a useful class together. Many times, after a spouse dies, there are gaps left in their loved one's life. Things like learning to cook for one or learning to cook at all, balancing checkbooks or simple housework can sometimes be bewildering to the recently bereaved. Taking a class on these topics can provide much needed social opportunities for the recently bereaved while also providing much needed life skills.

Encourage a hobby that can be done with friends or alone. These hobbies can be anything from painting to gardening or photography. Trying new things can help ease some of the pain of grief for some and learning a new skill can help the transition into a new potentially more independent phase of one's life.

Helping those that have lost a loved one or spouse can be a rewarding aspect of supporting someone's grief journey. This Bereaved Spouses Month, keep your heart open, your time flexible and your mind compassionate.

If you would like a free funeral decisions guide, please email me at hayesfh@hayesfuneralhome.net

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Survivors include his wife: Rebecca E Jackson, Elba; daughter: Rhonda E Jackson, Dothan, Ala.; son: Randall E Jackson, Flomaton, Ala.; sister: Judy Morgan, Troy, Ala.; family friend: Jill Tew, Dothan; and two granddaughters; along with many nieces and nephews and great nieces and nephews.

JUDITH ELAINE DAVIS BRUNSON

Mrs. Judith Elaine Davis Brunson, age 70, a resident of Elba, Ala., died Saturday, April 3, 2021, at Flow-ers Hospital in Dothan, Ala.

Graveside services were held Wednesday, April 7, 2021, at 2 p.m., at Eastern Gate Memorial Gardens, Pensacola, Fla., with Kevin Kelley officiating. The family requested the omission of flowers and asked that memorials be made to either the Elba United Methodist Church children's program, SOS Animal Shelter, or to the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention, in memory of Mrs. Brunson.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Forrest Randall Brunson; by a son, Josh Brunson; along with her parents, Mavis Marie Davis and Leroy Dalton Davis.

Survivors include a son: Jason (Julie) Brunson, Galveston, Texas; grandson: Lennon Schweigert, and granddaughter: Layne Schweigert, both of Pensacola; sister: Janice (Van) McCall, Elba; sister-in-law: Minette (Don) Kimbro, Montgomery, Ala.; along with a niece: Britany (Jonathan) Howell, Dothan, Ala., and a nephew: Todd McCall, Hattiesburg, Miss.

AARON ROSS POWELL

Mr. Aaron Ross Powell was born in Elba, Ala. to his mother, Melinda Gayle



Boyette, of Slatyfork, WV, and father, Ronnie Powell of Elba.

Aaron was residing in Roanoke, Va. at the time of his death, where he was very active in his community. Aaron was a member of several local non-profits in Roanoke Valley. He could be found packing grocery boxes at the local food bank, or volunteering at the Roanoke Rescue Mission Ministries. He was recently baptized at his local church, Celebration Church of God, in Roanoke.

Memorial services will be held Friday, April 9, 2021, at 3 p.m., in the First Baptist Church of Elba, with Rev. Kit Johnson officiating. The family will receive friends at the church one hour prior to

services.

Aaron was preceded in death by his maternal grandparents, William H. Boyette of Plant City, Fla., and Louise Smith Clay of Slocumb, Ala.

Survivors include his son: Aden R. Powell, Mobile, Ala.; his parents: M. Gayle Boyette, Slatyfork, and Ronnie F. Powell, Elba; his siblings: Anna J. Powell, Orlando, Fla., Alan S. Gibson, Slatyfork, Adam R. Crews (wife, Shannon) along with niece, Hannah K. Crews and nephew, Hunter R. Crews, all of Auburn, Ala.; his paternal grandparents: Pat and Roland E. Powell, Elba; and many other friends, family members, and loved ones.

EDWARD CHARLES CALDWELL

Mr. Edward Charles Caldwell, age 59, of Elba, Ala., died Monday, March 29, 2021.

He was born February 4, 1962 to the late Masie Caldwell and Annie Joyce Justice-Caldwell in Coffee County, Ala.

Graveside services were held Monday, April 5, 2021, at Bethlehem Missionary Baptist Church of Elba, with Coleman Funeral Home directing.

He was preceded in death by his parents, and one brother, Larry Caldwell.

Survivors include a loving son: Marcus Caldwell, Mobile, Ala.; one stepdaughter: Carnesha Williams, Elba; his brothers and sisters: Johnny Caldwell (Phyllis), Lee Franklin Caldwell (Charlotte), James Caldwell, Carolyn Caldwell (Dee), Kelvin Caldwell (Kenyatta), Rochester, NY, Joshua Caldwell; a special cousin: Linda Howard Tillis (Charlie); and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

IVEY GRANTHAM

Mrs. Ivey Grantham, age 96, of Elba, Ala., died Tuesday, April 6, 2021, at her home. Funeral arrangements will be announced upon completion by Hayes Funeral Home of Elba, Ala.



FEMA Helps Families Honor a Loved One Lost to COVID-19

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) is offering qualified families up to \$9,000 for funeral expenses incurred due to the death of a loved from COVID-19.

FEMA's mission is to help people before, during and after disasters. The COVID-19 pandemic has caused immense grief for so many people. Although FEMA cannot change what has happened, they affirm their commitment to help with funeral, burial and cremation expenses that many families, like yours, did not anticipate.

For more information about eligibility criteria, required documentation and application instructions for FEMA COVID-19 Funeral Assistance, visit [fema.gov/disasters/coronavirus](https://www.fema.gov/disasters/coronavirus)



Plan a Memorial Service for a Loved One

Many families have delayed services until it is safe to gather. When you are ready to plan a memorial service in your loved one's honor – we are here to help. Expenses for memorial services may also be eligible for reimbursement*.

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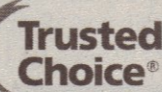
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IN THE MATTER OF
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IN THE PROBATE
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COFFEE COUNTY,
ALABAMA
ELBA DIVISION

CASE NO. PC 2021-011

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

Letters of Administration of said deceased having been granted to Shawna Guley on the 18th day of March 2021 by the Honorable Jodee R. Thompson, Judge of Probate Court of Coffee County, Alabama, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be forever barred. Witness my hand this the 18th day of March 2021.

Matt Brunson
Attorney for the Estate
3-25, 4-1 & 8-pd

LEGAL NOTICE

Highway Specialties, Inc. hereby gives notice of completion of contract with the State of Alabama for construction of Project No. HRRR-1620(250) in Coffee County. This notice will appear for four consecutive weeks beginning on March 18, 2021 and ending on April 8, 2021. All claims should be filed at 2050 S. Pine Barren Rd., McDavid, FL during this period. Highway Specialties, Inc 3/18,25,4/1,&8-pd.

IN THE PROBATE COURT
FOR COFFEE COUNTY,
ALABAMA
ELBA DIVISION

IN THE MATTER OF
The Estate of
Darlene Tillis Brown,
Deceased

Case No. PC-2021-010

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT

Letters of Administration of said deceased having been granted to John Marcus Brown, Personal Representative, on the 25th day of March, 2021 by the Honorable Jodee R. Thompson, Probate Judge for Coffee County, Alabama, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred. DONE this the 25th day of March, 2021

/s/ Jodee R. Thompson,
Jodee R Thompson, Probate Judge
4-1,8,15-pd

IN THE PROBATE COURT
FOR COFFEE COUNTY,
ALABAMA
ELBA DIVISION

IN THE MATTER OF
The Estate of
JOHNNY MACK BROWN,
Deceased

Case No. PC-2021-009

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT

Letters of Administration of said deceased having been granted to John Marcus Brown, Personal Representative, on the 25th day of March, 2021 by the Honorable Jodee R. Thompson, Probate Judge for Coffee County, Alabama, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

DONE this the 25th day of March, 2021
/s/ Jodee R. Thompson,
Jodee R Thompson, Probate Judge
4-1,8,15-pd

IN THE PROBATE
COURT OF
COFFEE COUNTY,
ALABAMA
ELBA DIVISION

IN THE MATTER OF
THE ESTATE OF
DENNIS ROBERT
HEFFNER,
Deceased

CASE NO. PC 2021-012

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT TO BE PUBLISHED BY EXECUTOR

Letters Testamentary under the Last Will and Testament of said deceased having been granted to Matthew Heffner on the 25th day of March, 2021, by the Honorable Jodee R. Thompson, Judge of Probate of Coffee County, Alabama, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

/s/ Matthew Heffner
Matthew Heffner, Petitioner

/s/ Joel Lee Williams
Joel Lee Williams
Attorney At Law
75 North Court Square
P. O. Box 446
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(334) 566-8484
4-1,8,15-pd

IN THE PROBATE COURT
OF COFFEE COUNTY,
ALABAMA
ELBA DIVISION

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF
BENNY RONALD MCKEE
Deceased.

CASE NO: PC-2021-016

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TAKE NOTICE that Letters Testamentary were granted the 30th day of March, 2021, to Martha A. McKee as Executrix of the Estate of Benny Ronald McKee, deceased, who departed this life on the 4th day of November, 2020, by the Hon. Jodee Thompson, Judge of Probate.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that all persons having claims against said Estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

/s/ L. Merrill Shirley
L. Merrill Shirley, Attorney for the Estate of Benny Ronald McKee, Deceased
4/1,8&15-paid

IN THE PROBATE
COURT FOR COFFEE
COUNTY, ALABAMA
ELBA DIVISION

IN RE: THE MATTER
OF
Betty Nolin
An incapacitated person,

CASE NO. PC 2020-024

ORDER SETTING DAY FOR HEARING

On the 24th day of March, 2021, came the Conservators, Janice E. Williamson and Donnie G. King, and filed a sworn Petition for Final Settlement of the Estate of Betty Nolin. It is **ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED** by the Court that the 4th day of May, 2021 at 9:00 a.m. is appointed a day for the hearing

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on review of the accounting and Final Settlement of this estate and at the Coffee County Courthouse, Elba Division, City of Elba, Alabama.

It is further ordered that the Hon. David M. White be appointed as guardian ad litem for the said ward and to represent and protect his/her interest in said hearing.

It is **FURTHER ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED** by the Court that notice of these proceedings be issued pursuant to law. DONE AND ORDERED this the 29th day of March, 2021.

/s/ Jodee R. Thompson
Jodee R. Thompson
PROBATE JUDGE
4/1,8&15-paid

**STATE OF ALABAMA
COUNTY OF COFFEE
PROBATE COURT
(Elba Division)**

CASE NO. PC 2021-026

IN RE: THE ESTATE
OF PAUL LUCIUS
ENGLISH, DECEASED

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT TO BE PUBLISHED BY PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE

Letters Testamentary of said deceased having been granted to Jeffrey Hughes English, Personal Representative, on the 30th day of March, 2021, by the Honorable Jodee Thompson, Judge of Probate of Coffee County (Elba Division), Alabama, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

/s/ Phil D. Mitchell
Phil D. Mitchell
Attorney for Personal Representative
Harris, Caddell & Shanks, P.C.

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pmitchell@harrisaddell.com
4/8,15&22-pd

IN THE PROBATE COURT
OF COFFEE COUNTY,
ALABAMA
ELBA DIVISION

IN THE MATTER OF
BENJAMIN HAYES
CARPENTER,
Deceased.

CASE NO: PC 2021-023

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

Letters of Administration of said deceased having been granted to Peggy Carpenter on the 25th day of March, 2021 by the Honorable Jodee R. Thompson, Judge of Probate Court of Coffee County, Alabama, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred. Witness my hand this the 25th day of March 2021. Peggy Carpenter
Personal Representative
4/8,15&22-pd

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Scripture: The end of the wicked and the peace of the godly. Psalm 52: 1-9

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March / April Birthdays and Anniversaries

Shanika Pruitt 3/29
Betty Reffeggee 3/29
Tracey Woods 3/30
Alfred and Vernetter Purvis 3/30 W.A.
Kirby Gray 3/30
Bill Robinson 3/30
Carter Johnson 3/31
Michael Smith 4/1
Eddie B. Stoudmire 4/1 (in memory)
April Duncan 4/1
Ashley Little 4/1

Giving Lip Service

My second wife, Barbara, and I both suffered the death of our first spouses. Before Barbara and I married, we were invited to be part of a marriage enhancement group. Our married friends hoped we would be able to provide helpful insights to the engaged couples, gleaned from our collective 100 years of married life.

We were dismayed by the baggage some of them were bringing to their anticipated marriages. One couple seemed to be "in love with being in love." They obviously had not seriously confronted some significant issues. This turned out to be true of the married couple leading the group as well. They gave lip service to the workshop material, but a few months after the group finished meeting, they divorced.

James says we must practice what we know if we are to be faithful to Christ. Otherwise, we are only deceiving ourselves. — C.R.B.

Question / Answer Section

Q/A for the Week of 4/1/21
Q: What happened to Jesus' garments when He was crucified?

Upcoming Extension Service Workshops:

The Coffee County Forestry Advisory Committee will host a Forestry Landowner Tour on Friday, April 23, at the National Security Recreation Property, located on County Road 404 in Elba, Ala.

Registration that day begins at 8:30 a.m., and the tour begins at 9 a.m. Lunch will be provided at 11 a.m., and the tour concludes at 12 noon.

Sponsors include the Alabama National Resources Council, Alabama Forestry Foundation, USDA, and NRCS.

For more information or to register, call the Coffee County Extension Office at (334) 894-5596.

The Enterprise Farmers Market will host a training Tuesday, April 27, for anyone wanting to sell their eggs at the market.

This workshop will begin at 10 a.m. at the Enterprise Farmers Market. Participants will learn about labeling requirements, food safety regulations, and more.

Lifestyles and Church News due on Mondays!

A: The divided His garments, casting lots for them to determine what every man should take. [Mark 15: 24]

Q: What was the name Jesus called Peter when he rebuked Jesus for saying He would be killed?

A: Jesus called Peter, Satan. [Mark 8: 33]

Thought to Remember

Money is a good servant but a poor master

Questions for the Week of 4/8/21

Q: When Jairus saw Jesus, what did he do?

Q: What was wrong with the Syrophenician woman's daughter?

Q: In what ways had the dumb spirit tried to destroy the man's son?

Today is a good day! Be grateful.

Eria's Daughter, Sue

PASTOR'S CORNER

by Kit Johnson, Pastor

First Baptist Church of Elba, 606 Simmons Street

We, The Church

Paul opens his address to the church at Corinth in a way that connected them with believers everywhere. "To the church of God, which is at Corinth, to those who have been sanctified in Christ Jesus..." (1 Corinthians 1:2) There are two take-aways here that every Christian should consider as they pertain to our relationship with God and each other.

First, Paul writes "to the church of God" which happens to be located at "Corinth". Allow me to preface the point I will attempt to make by saying that we should be proud to be part of the congregation of which we are members. Having said that, we must never lose sight of the fact that there is but one church, and it does not exist within the framing of a building. The people "of God" are "the church of God" as Paul puts it. Too often Christians allow the church's denominational status determine its credibility or worth. If we are to be used by God to accomplish the predetermined works that God has set for us, we must start focusing more on the Holy Spirit who unites the church and less on the denominational preference that divides it. I am not advocating that the church ceases to identify with any denomination, but the Bible explicitly states that our identity is in Christ. "But as many as received Him (Jesus), to them He gave the right to become children of God..." (John 1:12)

The above verse ties directly into the second point coming from "those who have been sanctified in Christ Jesus". Our relationship with Christ sets us apart. That is what "sanctified" means. Having your name on the church Sunday schools roster does not sanctify you. The Bible lists the benefits of meeting together, but a weekly social hour with friends would never be enough to save one's soul. We just celebrated the resurrection on Easter, but the resurrection alone does not save anyone. It most certainly provides the means for salvation, but we are ultimately saved by grace alone through faith alone in Christ alone. (Ephesians 2:8)

What do we do with these truths? We recognize that there is one church, and we who are in Christ are it. What does this mean? Several things come to mind. Being "a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, and a people for God's own possession" is not afforded without certain responsibilities. (1 Peter 2:9) The lost of the world need Jesus, and we need to take Him to them. Christian music group Casting Crowns has a song entitled "Start Right Here". The chorus goes, "We wanna see the heart set free and the tyrants kneel; The walls fall down, and our land be healed. But Church if we want to see change in the world out there, it's got to start right here." Let's not neglect going to church, but more importantly, don't forget to be the church.

Local receives WoodmenLife scholarship

A number of local high school graduates recently were awarded WoodmenLife Focus Forward Scholarships®. The students, who are all WoodmenLife members, submitted applications highlighting their high school grades, activities and volunteerism, as well as an essay on patriotism.

Among this year's \$500 scholarship recipients was Heidi Arnold, Jack, Ala.

"These youth embody all that WoodmenLife stands for," said WoodmenLife President & CEO, Patrick L. Dees. "We are honored to provide these scholarships to help our

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County Extension office plans raised bed gardening workshop for April 9th in Elba

The Coffee County Extension office announces plans to host a raised bed gardening workshop Friday, April 9, at 1 p.m., at the First United Methodist Church fellowship hall in downtown Elba.

This workshop will cover topics related to raised bed gardening including construction of raised beds, soil amendments for raised beds, what to plant, how to plant, plant spacing, and more. Participants will then be able to practice what they learn by helping plant the Giving Garden in Elba, located behind the old Coffee County Jail and Elba

Chamber of Commerce, from 2-3 p.m.

The Giving Garden is a community garden that promotes healthy eating by producing fresh vegetables that are donated to the Elba Food Bank, and then distributed to those in need.

Register to attend by calling the Coffee County Extension office at 334-894-5596, [please let the staff know if any accommodations are needed for the participant].



Commercial Horticulture Regional Agent Neil Kelly talks about pruning ornamental plants in the landscape.

Coffee County Extension hosts landscape trees & ornamental care pruning workshop

On March 23rd, the Coffee County Extension Office hosted a landscape trees and ornamental care pruning workshop.

Alabama Cooperative Extension System employees Gavin Mauldin, Coffee County Extension Coordinator; Bence Carter, ACES-Forestry, Wildlife & Nature; Neil Kelly, ACES-Commercial Horticulture; Dr. Beau Brodbeck, ACES-Urban Forestry; and Megan Jones, ACES-Home Horticulture teamed up to provide the workshop. During the workshop, the in-depth, hands on learning experience included the care and recommended pruning techniques for landscape trees and ornamental plants, with an emphasis on right plant, right place, right time being the key for successful and healthy landscape plants.

Gavin Mauldin planned the event and kicked off the workshop. The Coffee County Extension office held the event outside and safely had everyone socially distanced.

Megan Jones educated the attendees on pruning tool maintenance with a hands-on demonstration which included cleaning your tools, sharpening when needed, and proper storage. Bence Carter gave a demonstration on chainsaws and power pole saws, stressing the need for the proper safety protocols that all homeowners should follow, along with general maintenance, care, and proper use.

Lunch was provided by the Coffee County Extension office with the help of Coffee County Administrative Assistant Nikki Drewery; this gave the attendees the time to take a break and ask questions.

Following the break, Neil Kelly taught on which pruning tools to use and the techniques recommended for ornamental plants such as crape myrtles and boxwoods. Dr. Beau Brodbeck educated everyone on pruning techniques for trees, roots, and tree risk assessment, meaning evaluating the potential risk of failure for a tree or if it is structurally sound.



10 YEARS AND COUNTING...Coffee County Probate Office [Elba Division] employee Kara Poole (right) received a service plaque last month for 10 years of dedicated service to the office. Poole began working with the Coffee County Probate Office in March 2011. The plaque was presented to Poole by Coffee County Probate Judge Jodee Thompson (left).



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SPORTS NEWS

Views From

The Pressbox

By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor

Our grandson Lawson didn't get a chance to get in the water at the gulf during last week's spring break, but did get to ride on a dolphin at a popular tourist stop and was still smiling when he got back home. I didn't make the trip or see his historic ride, but have seen lots of pictures and it was another happening never forget.

For what it is worth....

*** It was somewhat of a quiet week for the high school teams in the area, but New Brockton did take a big step toward the playoffs with two wins over area foe Goshen and Zion Chapel saw its playoff hopes end with two area losses to Arton. When you add the Gamecocks to Brantley and Kinston it gives us a trio of teams heading to the post-season party, which is definitely a successful season for all the fans. Over on the softball field, top-ranked Brantley added two wins with impressive victories over Catholic and Charles Henderson, while the rest of the area teams enjoyed a week off.

*** The high school 'All-State' basketball selections were announced last week and receiving honorable mention was Elba Lady Tiger senior Jaylyn Baker. Baker transferred to Elba High as a sophomore and made her presence known for all three years as a Lady Tiger. She was a good basketball player when she arrived, but through hard work, determination and dedication improved her game in all areas, was named the MVP of the southeast regional as a junior and by her senior year was a force in the 2A ranks. Jaylyn is living proof that hard work does indeed pay off, and all Lady Tiger fans are glad she made the move and helped the Elba Tiger girls make history.

*** In closing.... I watched the Braves lose their season opener and couldn't believe the Major Leagues were still using the softball tie-breaker that starts all extra innings with a runner on first. I agree it helps get games over a little quicker in high school softball, but the guys in the pros are making tens of millions of dollars a year and should be able to play a couple of extra innings to create a little extra excitement for the fans that are paying the bills. I guess we should just be honored that they let us watch the games and buy the souvenirs that let them make the money.



BRANTLEY LADY BULLDOG GABBY PERKINS
Elba's Baker earns H-M



BRANTLEY BULLDOG TAYE PERSON

The Alabama Sports Writers Association announced its 2021 "All-State" high school basketball teams last week with Brantley Lady Bulldog Gabby Perkins earning first team honors, Brantley Bulldog Taye Person earning third team honors, and Elba Lady Tiger Jaylyn Baker receiving honorable mention.

Perkins, a 6-0, senior, forward, averaged 19.9 points, 15 rebounds and 6.4 assists in 11 games, while Person, a 6-2, senior, guard, averaged 18.1 points, 6.3 rebounds and 5.3 assists in 16 games.

Baker, a 5-10, senior, forward, averaged 11.7 points, 8.3 rebounds and 1.9 steals per game.

Area players named to the All-State teams in the various classes included:

CLASS 7A - (Girls) Second Team: Amiyah Rollins, junior, Dothan; Honorable Mention: Jaida Gosha, junior, Enterprise; Alexis Hudgens, senior, Dothan; (Boys) First Team: Quentin Hayes, junior, Enterprise; Third Team: Elijah Terry, Junior, Enterprise.

CLASS 6A - (Girls) First Team: Kaitlin Peterson, senior, Eufaula; Third Team: Zahria Hoskey, junior, Eufaula; (Boys)

Second Team: Josh Paige, junior, Eufaula; Third Team: Rodarius Thomas, senior, Eufaula.

CLASS 5A - (Girls) Second Team: Makala Hodby, sophomore, Charles Henderson; Honorable Mention: Kristian Jackson, junior, Charles Henderson; (Boys) Second Team: Akeives Shorts, junior, Charles Henderson; Third Team: Patrick Burke, junior, Headland.

CLASS 4A - (Girls) Third Team: Madison Johnson, sophomore, Geneva; (Boys) Second Team: Keshawn Martin, senior, Dale County; Honorable Mention: Marquez McKnight, senior, Ashford.

CLASS 3A - (Girls) Honorable Mention: Vanessa Stoudemire, sophomore, Opp; (Boys) Second Team: Erik Matthews, senior, Opp; Third Team: Jaylen Nobles, junior, Slocomb; Devontae White, junior, Wicksburg.

CLASS 2A - (Girls) First Team: Karoline Striplin, senior, Geneva County; Second Team: Makenna Long, junior, G.W. Long; Honorable Mention: Jaylyn Baker, senior, Elba; Khashya Richardson, sophomore, Luverne; (Boys) Second Team: Emmanuel Henderson, junior, Geneva County; Third Team: Raymon Bryant, junior, Cottonwood; Honorable Mention: Hayes Floyd, senior, Arton.

CLASS 1A - (Girls) First Team: Shrae Coleman, junior, Florala; Gabby Perkins, senior, Brantley; Second Team: Kinley Johnson, senior, Samson; Honorable Mention: Brantley Edberg, freshman, Samson; (Boys) First Team: Rashaad Coleman, senior, Florala; Third Team: Taye Person, senior, Brantley.

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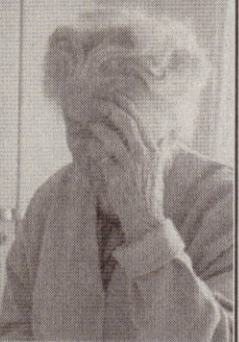
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Thursday, April 8 (Baseball) New Brockton at Pike County Kinston at Florala Brantley at Red Level (Softball) New Brockton at Pike County Samson at Kinston Luverne at Zion Chapel	Monday, April 12 (Baseball) Kinston at New Brockton Andalusia at Brantley (Softball) G.W. Long at Elba New Brockton at Eufaula Kinston at Straughn Brantley at Opp
Friday, April 9 (Baseball) Pike County at New Brockton Carroll at Zion Chapel Red Level at Brantley (Softball) Elba, in Daleville Tournament Zion Chapel at G.W. Long	Tuesday, April 13 (Baseball) Elba at Wicksburg Kinston at Geneva County Zion Chapel at Brantley (Softball) New Brockton at Opp Kinston at Florala Brantley, in Dothan Tournament
Saturday, April 10 (Softball) Elba, in Daleville Tournament	Thursday, April 15 (Baseball) New Brockton at Opp Brantley at Zion Chapel (Softball) Zion Chapel at New Brockton

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SPORTS NEWS



ZION CHAPEL SENIORS.... Zion Chapel honored its senior baseball players recently prior to a home game. Senior Rebels included (l-r) Stetson Adcock, Nate Braisted and Bryce Watson.

(Photo by Heather Arnold Adcock)



SAFE AT SECOND.... A Brantley Bulldog slides in safe at second in recent high school baseball action.

(Photo by Kody Nichols)

High School *** Baseball *** Softball ***

DIAMOND DUST

BASEBALL:

Kinston falls hard to Dale County 10-2

The Kinston Bulldogs saw a 2-1 third inning vanish in a 10-2 loss to Dale County. Owen Patterson had 2 hits, scored 1 run and had 1 rbi to lead the Bulldogs at the plate, while Cade Jones added 2 hits and scored 1 run; Hunter Hughes added 1 hit and 1 rbi; and, Tripp Hawthorne and Jeb Crosby both added 1 hit. Crosby and Hawthorne combined to pitch seven innings and allowed three earned runs on five hits.

Kinston clipped by Red Tops 8-6

The Kinston Bulldogs saw a late rally fall short in an 8-6 loss to the Slocumb Red Tops. Owen Patterson had 1 hit and scored 2 runs to lead the Bulldogs at the plate, while Cale Sumblin added 1 hit and scored 1 run. Sumblin and Patterson combined to pitch six innings and allowed one earned run on seven hits, with eight strikeouts.

Zion Chapel zapped by G.W. Long 12-0

The Zion Chapel Rebels fell behind early and never threatened in a 12-0 area loss to G.W. Long. The Rebels managed only one baserunner as they failed to get a hit, while four Rebel pitchers combined to pitch five innings and allowed ten earned runs on ten hits and ten walks.

Brantley 'Dogs spanked by Ariton 14-1

The Brantley Bulldogs trailed only 2-1 after four innings, but couldn't keep up and suffered a 14-1 loss to the Ariton Purple Cats. Tucker Kilcrease had 1 hit and 1 rbi to lead the Bulldogs at the plate, while Carson Jones added 1 hit and drew 2 walks. Two Bulldog pitchers combined to allow eight earned runs on fifteen hits and two walks.

Kinston slammed by Samson 13-3

The Kinston Bulldogs fell behind early and never caught up in a 13-3 loss to Samson. Cale Sumblin had 2 hits, scored 1 run and had 1 rbi to lead the Bulldogs, while Tripp Hawthorne added 1 hit, scored 1 run and had 1 rbi; Owen Patterson added 1 hit and scored 1 run; and, J.W. Mikel added 1 hit and 1 rbi. Three Kinston pitchers combined to pitch seven innings and allowed twelve earned runs on fourteen hits and four walks.

Brantley Bulldogs rip Greenville 11-2

The Brantley Bulldogs trailed 2-1 after four innings, but got their bats booming in the later innings and claimed an 11-2 win over Greenville. Dalton Daniels had 2 hits, scored 1 run and had 2 rbi's to lead the Bulldogs at the plate, while Jordan Parks added 2 hits, scored 2 runs and had 1 rbi; Tucker Kilcrease added 2 hits and scored 1 run; Carson Jones added 1 hit, scored 1 run and had 2 rbi's; and, Jack Kennedy added 1 hit and 2 rbi's. Mark Nichols was the winning pitcher as he tossed six innings and allowed two earned runs on six hits.

New Brockton sweeps Goshen 6-1, 7-5

The New Brockton Gamecocks took a giant step toward a berth in the post-season playoffs with a double-header sweep over the Goshen Eagles 6-1 and 7-5.

In the opening 6-1 win, the Gamecocks led all the way to post the impressive win. Colton McClenny had 2 hits and 2 rbi's to lead the Gamecocks at the plate, while Gabe Herrington added 2 hits and 1 rbi. Riley Simmons added 2 hits and scored 1 run, and Kaden Cupp added 1 hit, scored 2 runs and had 1 rbi. Drew Cashin pitched a complete game one hitter with sixteen strikeouts to get the win on the mound.

In the 7-5 win in the nightcap, the Gamecocks used a 3-run fourth inning to take the lead and never looked back to complete the sweep. Peyton Green had 2 hits, scored 1 run and had 2 rbi's to lead the Gamecocks at the plate, while Kaden Cupp added 2 hits and scored 3 runs. Jackson Lawson added 2 hits and 2 rbi's, Riley Simmons added 2 hits, and Drew Cashin added 1 hit and scored 3 runs. Brayson Carr was the winning pitcher as he tossed a complete game five hitter and allowed two earned runs.

Rebels drop two to Ariton 14-0, 10-0

The Zion Chapel Rebels saw their post-season hopes dashed with two losses to the Ariton Purple Cats 14-0 and 10-0.

In the 14-0 opener, the Rebels fell behind 12-0 in the second innings and never recovered. Avery Padgett had the only hit for the Rebels. Two Zion Chapel pitcher allowed 7 earned runs on 11 hits and 9 walks.

In the 10-0 loss, the Rebels fell behind 7-0 in the first innings and never threatened. Getting one hit for the Rebels were Bryce Watson, Nate Braisted and Stetson Adcock. Three Zion Chapel pitcher allowed 8 earned runs on 7 hits and 4 walks.

SOFTBALL:

Zion Chapel zaps Geneva County 9-4

The Zion Chapel Lady Rebels pulled ahead early and never looked back to defeat Geneva County 9-4. Alexis Wambles had 4 hits, scored 2 runs and had 2 rbi's to lead the Lady Rebels, while Hailey Carter added 4 hits and scored 1 run; Shea Wambles added 3 hits, scored 2 runs and had 1 rbi; Aubrey Weber added 2 hits and scored 1 run; and, Addie Killingsworth added 1 hit, scored 1 run and had 1 rbi. Aryn Nelson got the win inside the circle as she tossed seven innings and allowed three earned runs on four hits.

New Brockton JV pop Pike County 3-2

The New Brockton Lady Gamecocks junior varsity rallied from an early 2-0 deficit to slip past Pike County 3-2. Kirstyn Ramirez had 1 hit and scored 1 run to lead the Lady Gamecocks, while Leilani Perdue added 1 hit and 1 rbi, and Mckenzie Jones added 1 hit and tossed a no-hitter with seven strikeouts.

Lady Gamecocks pop Pike County 11-5

The New Brockton Lady Gamecocks played long ball as three different players blasted home runs to power past Pike County 11-5. Bailey Blackmon had 2 hits, including a home run, scored 2 runs and had 3 rbi's to lead the Lady Gamecocks, while Shelby Hobbs added 2 hits, including a home run, scored 2 runs and had 2 rbi's; Megan Eldridge added 2 hits, including a home run, scored 2 runs and had 1 rbi; Kennedy Hussey added 1 hit, scored 1 run and had 1 rbi; and, Madison Meeks added 1 hit and scored 1 run. Mckenzie Jenkins was the winning pitcher as she tossed seven innings and allowed two earned runs on eight hits, while striking out three.

Brantley cages Lady Trojans 9-2

The Brantley Lady Bulldogs pulled ahead early and never looked back in a 9-2 win over the Charles Henderson Lady Trojans. Mary Katherine Driggers had 3 hits and 1 rbi to lead the Lady Bulldogs, while Ainsley Watts added 2 hits, scored 1 run and had 1 rbi; Kayden Dunn added 2 hits and scored 1 run; Elleigh Layton added 1 hit, a home-run, scored 2 runs and had 1 rbi; and Sheonte Barginere added 1 hit, scored 2 runs and had 1 rbi. Kaylee Navaree was the winning pitcher as she tossed a complete game four hitter with eleven strikeouts.

Lady Bulldogs edge Lady Knights 5-4

The Brantley Lady Bulldogs pulled ahead early and held on late to edge past Montgomery Catholic 5-4. Savannah Nichols blasted a home-run, scored 1 run and had 3 rbi's; while Campbell Hawthorne added 1 hit, scored 1 run and had 1 rbi; Ainsley Watts blasted a home run, scored 1 run and had 1 rbi; and, Elleigh Layton added 1 hit and scored 1 run.

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Brantley Bulldog catcher blocks a low pitch to prevent a stolen base in recent baseball action.

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BRYAN NORRIS caught this six and one-half pound bass while fishing at the Coffee County Lake last weekend



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COMMUNITY NEWS

Easter Egg Hunts held last weekend in Elba



This group of youngsters enjoyed getting their picture made with the Easter Bunny last Sunday afternoon, April 4, at the Mulberry Community Easter Egg Hunt in Elba. The event featured food, fun, and fellowship, and of course, a giant Easter Egg Hunt! The Easter Bunny enjoyed celebrating with all who attended, both young and old[er]! Lots of fun was had, according to attendees!



The Elba United Methodist Church [UMC] and Westside Baptist Church joined forces Saturday, April 3, for a community Easter Egg Hunt held on the grounds of Elba UMC. The group pictured above enjoyed the hunt, they were all smiles about findings the eggs. The biggest smile, however, was on the face of Christopher James (right) as he found the elusive 'golden egg' that reportedly had a \$5 bill inside!



These three ladies volunteered their time to help make the Elba Mulberry Easter Egg Hunt held last Sunday, April 4, a huge success! The event was hosted by Elba's District One and the Mulberry Coalition and was held at the Mulberry Heights Park. The ladies helped put together 200 goodie bags (pictured) that were given out to all the children that attended and participated. The ladies removed their facial coverings long enough to smile for the camera!

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A volunteer was found hiding Easter Eggs last Sunday prior to the start of the Mulberry Easter Egg Hunt held in Elba's District One. The event was organized by District One councilman Johnathan Lockett and the Mulberry Heights Coalition, and other volunteers.

Kindergarten Registration set for April 21st and April 22nd at Elba Elementary School

Elba Elementary School will conduct a second session of Kindergarten Registration on Wednesday, April 21, and Thursday, April 22, at the school.

Those with a child 5-years-old on or before September 1, 2021, is encouraged to bring the child to Elba Elementary School between the hours of 8:15 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. on April 21st or April 22nd. Parents will complete enrollment paperwork, and each child will be given a short screener involving basic kindergarten skills.

However, if the child is showing any signs of sickness, please do not bring him/her to registration. The school will have an additional time the screener may be completed for those who may be sick at the time of registration. Social distancing protocol will apply

CEC (Continued from Page THREE)

tomers by this fall. Details pertaining to this exciting new service can be found at www.buzzbroadband.com.

CEC members can also read more about Buzz Broadband and review CEC's financial information related to the previous year in the annual report that is being inserted in the April issue of Alabama Living magazine. A new survey is included in the annual

report. Members who complete the survey and submit it to CEC by 4:30 p.m., on April 30 will receive a \$5 bill credit. This survey can also be completed online at covington.coop. Each CEC member that voted in the board election will also receive a \$15 credit on their April bill.

Other business highlights included the election of two members to the CEC board of trustees. Charles Grace of Dozier was elected to replace retiring board member Gary Harris in District I, and Dr. Bill King of Andalusia was re-elected to represent District II. Three \$2,500 bill credits were awarded as the top three major prizes to Bobby Bryan, Bennie Sport and Joe Tom Watkins. Henry King was the winner of a \$600 bill credit, Roger Walker won a \$500 bill credit and Paul Sanders won a \$400 bill credit. Other prize winners were as follows: Five members won \$300 bill credits—Douglas Sutton, Tyrone Jones, Chris Caldwell, Joe Bruce and Debra Reddish. Five members won \$200 bill credits—Johnny Dunaway, Barclay Carl Wallace, Euvhon Reeves, Jeff Gorum and Victoria Montalvo. Ten members won \$100 bill credits—Shalanda Elder, Herman Danford, Ray and Angela Sanders, Ashlea Cauley, Stanley W. Walls, Iva Henderson, Tommy Culpepper, Gary Hayes, Amanda Gail Taylor and Willard Luker. Ten members won \$50 bill credits—Thomas Arnold, J.W. Jackson, Nicholas Casalnuovo, Willie Horstead, Bethina Johnson, Marilyn Adams, Joseph L. Bowers, Rhonda Danford, Carolyn M. Smart and Dustin Rhodes.



This little one had it 'made in the shade' last Sunday, April 4, for the Mulberry Easter Egg Hunt event held at the Mulberry Heights Park in Elba.

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